

# List of black Academy Award winners and nominees

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This **list of black Academy Award winners and nominees** is current as of the 91st Academy Awards ceremony which was held on February 24, 2019.

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Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to win an Academy Award, in 1939.

## Best Actor in a Leading Role

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| Best Actor in a Leading Role |                           |                                             |                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Year                         | Name                      | Film                                        | Role                     | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <u>1958</u>                  | <u>Sidney Poitier</u>     | <u><i>The Defiant Ones</i></u>              | Noah Cullen              | Nominated | First black actor to be nominated for Best Actor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>1963</u>                  |                           | <u><i>Lilies of the Field</i></u>           | Homer Smith              | Won       | First black man to win an Oscar<br>First Bahamian to win Best Actor<br>First black actor to receive two acting nominations (Best Actor).<br>Youngest black actor to win Best Actor (age 37).                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>1970</u>                  | <u>James Earl Jones</u>   | <u><i>The Great White Hope</i></u>          | Jack Jefferson           | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>1972</u>                  | <u>Paul Winfield</u>      | <u><i>Souder</i></u>                        | Nathan Lee Morgan        | Nominated | First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <u>1986</u>                  | <u>Dexter Gordon</u>      | <u><i>Round Midnight</i></u>                | Dale Turner              | Nominated | First jazz musician to be nominated for Best Actor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <u>1989</u>                  | <u>Morgan Freeman</u>     | <u><i>Driving Miss Daisy</i></u>            | Hoke Colburn             | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>1992</u>                  | <u>Denzel Washington</u>  | <u><i>Malcolm X</i></u>                     | <u>Malcolm X</u>         | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>1993</u>                  | <u>Laurence Fishburne</u> | <u><i>What's Love Got to Do with It</i></u> | <u>Ike Turner</u>        | Nominated | Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <u>1994</u>                  | <u>Morgan Freeman</u>     | <u><i>The Shawshank Redemption</i></u>      | Ellis Boyd 'Red' Redding | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>1999</u>                  | <u>Denzel Washington</u>  | <u><i>The Hurricane</i></u>                 | <u>Rubin Carter</u>      | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>2001</u>                  |                           | <u><i>Training Day</i></u>                  | Alonzo Harris            | Won       | Second African-American actor to receive the award for Best Actor.<br>First time two African-American performers won in leading role Oscars in the same year (Halle Berry, <i>Monster's Ball</i> ).<br>First African-American actor to win multiple competitive Academy Awards.<br>First and only African-American actor to win Academy Awards in both acting categories (lead and supporting). |
|                              |                           | <u><i>Ali</i></u>                           | <u>Muhammad Ali</u>      | Nominated | First time multiple African-American actors received Best Actor nominations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>2004</u>                  | <u>Jamie Foxx</u>         | <u><i>Ray</i></u>                           | <u>Ray Charles</u>       | Won       | First African-American actor to receive two acting nominations in the same year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                              | <u>Don Cheadle</u>        | <u><i>Hotel Rwanda</i></u>                  | <u>Paul Rusesabagina</u> | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>2005</u>                  | <u>Terrence Howard</u>    | <u><i>Hustle &amp; Flow</i></u>             | DJay                     | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>2006</u>                  | <u>Forest Whitaker</u>    | <u><i>The Last King of Scotland</i></u>     | <u>Idi Amin</u>          | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                              | <u>Will Smith</u>         | <u><i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i></u>      | <u>Chris Gardner</u>     | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <u>2009</u> | Morgan Freeman          | <u>Invictus</u>              | <u>Nelson Mandela</u>   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>2012</u> | Denzel Washington       | <u>Flight</u>                | William "Whip" Whitaker | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>2013</u> | <u>Chiwetel Ejiofor</u> | <u>12 Years a Slave</u>      | <u>Solomon Northup</u>  | Nominated | First black British actor to be nominated for Best Actor                                                                                                                                                           |
| <u>2016</u> | Denzel Washington       | <u>Fences</u>                | Troy Maxson             | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>2017</u> |                         | <u>Roman J. Israel, Esq.</u> | Roman J. Israel         | Nominated | Denzel Washington has the most nominations for an African-American Actor: Best Actor (6 nominations) and Best Supporting Actor (2 nominations).<br>First African-American actor to be nominated two years in a row |
|             |                         | <u>Get Out</u>               | Chris Washington        | Nominated | Second black British actor to be nominated for Best Actor                                                                                                                                                          |

## Best Actress in a Leading Role

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| Best Actress in a Leading Role |                          |                                      |                            |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Year                           | Name                     | Film                                 | Role                       | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1954                           | <u>Dorothy Dandridge</u> | <u>Carmen Jones</u>                  | Carmen Jones               | Nominated | First African-American actress to be nominated for Best Actress.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1972                           | <u>Diana Ross</u>        | <u>Lady Sings the Blues</u>          | <u>Billie Holiday</u>      | Nominated | First African-American actress to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance.<br>First time multiple African-American actresses received Best Actress nominations.                                                 |
|                                | <u>Cicely Tyson</u>      | <u>Souder</u>                        | Rebecca Morgan             | Nominated | First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.<br>First time multiple African-American actresses received Best Actress nominations.                                                               |
| 1974                           | <u>Diahann Carroll</u>   | <u>Claudine</u>                      | Claudine                   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1985                           | <u>Whoopi Goldberg</u>   | <u>The Color Purple</u>              | Celie Johnson              | Nominated | First time multiple African-American actresses received nominations for the same film.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1993                           | <u>Angela Bassett</u>    | <u>What's Love Got to Do with It</u> | <u>Tina Turner</u>         | Nominated | Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actor and Best Actress.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2001                           | <u>Halle Berry</u>       | <u>Monster's Ball</u>                | Leticia Musgrove           | Won       | First African-American actress to win Best Actress.<br>First time two African-American performers won in leading role Oscars in the same year (Denzel Washington, <u>Training Day</u> ).                                                 |
| 2009                           | <u>Gabourey Sidibe</u>   | <u>Precious</u>                      | Claireece "Precious" Jones | Nominated | Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress.<br>Second African-American actress to receive a lead Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance.                          |
| 2011                           | <u>Viola Davis</u>       | <u>The Help</u>                      | Aibileen Clark             | Nominated | Third film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Supporting Actress categories.                                                                                                                                 |
| 2012                           | <u>Quvenzhané Wallis</u> | <u>Beasts of the Southern Wild</u>   | Hushpuppy                  | Nominated | Youngest ever Best Actress nominee (aged 9).<br>Third African-American actress to receive a lead Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance.<br>First person born in the 21st century to receive an Academy Award nomination. |
| 2016                           | <u>Ruth Negga</u>        | <u>Loving</u>                        | <u>Mildred Loving</u>      | Nominated | First black Irish actress to be nominated.<br>First black African (Ethiopia) actress to be nominated in lead.                                                                                                                            |

## Best Actor in a Supporting Role

| Best Actor in a Supporting Role |                              |                                   |                             |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Year                            | Name                         | Film                              | Role                        | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1969                            | <u>Rupert Crosse</u>         | <u>The Reivers</u>                | Ned                         | Nominated | First African-American actor to be nominated for Best Supporting Actor                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1981                            | <u>Howard Rollins</u>        | <u>Ragtime</u>                    | Coalhouse Walker Jr.        | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1982                            | <u>Louis Gossett Jr.</u>     | <u>An Officer and a Gentleman</u> | Gunnery Sergeant Emil Foley | Won       | First African-American actor to win Best Supporting Actor                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1984                            | <u>Adolph Caesar</u>         | <u>A Soldier's Story</u>          | Sgt. Waters                 | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1987                            | <u>Morgan Freeman</u>        | <u>Street Smart</u>               | Fast Black                  | Nominated | First time multiple African-American actors received Best Supporting Actor nominations.                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                 | <u>Denzel Washington</u>     | <u>Cry Freedom</u>                | <u>Steve Biko</u>           | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1989                            | <u>Denzel Washington</u>     | <u>Glory</u>                      | Pvt. Trip                   | Won       | First African-American actor to receive two Best Supporting Actor nominations.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1992                            | <u>Jaye Davidson</u>         | <u>The Crying Game</u>            | Dil                         | Nominated | First black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut film performance.<br>Youngest black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination (age 24)<br>First black British actor to receive an Academy Award nomination.                                |
| 1994                            | <u>Samuel L. Jackson</u>     | <u>Pulp Fiction</u>               | Jules Winnfield             | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1996                            | <u>Cuba Gooding Jr.</u>      | <u>Jerry Maguire</u>              | Rod Tidwell                 | Won       | Youngest African-American male actor to win an Academy Award (age 29).                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1999                            | <u>Michael Clarke Duncan</u> | <u>The Green Mile</u>             | John Coffey                 | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2003                            | <u>Djimon Hounsou</u>        | <u>In America</u>                 | Mateo                       | Nominated | First black actor born in Africa (specifically in Benin) to receive an Academy Award nomination.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2004                            | <u>Morgan Freeman</u>        | <u>Million Dollar Baby</u>        | Eddie 'Scrap-Iron' Dupris   | Won       | Oldest African-American actor to win an Academy Award (age 67).                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 | <u>Jamie Foxx</u>            | <u>Collateral</u>                 | Max                         | Nominated | First African-American actor to receive two acting nominations in the same year                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2006                            | <u>Djimon Hounsou</u>        | <u>Blood Diamond</u>              | Solomon Vandy               | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                                 | <u>Eddie Murphy</u>          | <u>Dreamgirls</u>                 | James 'Thunder' Early       | Nominated | First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2013                            | <u>Barkhad Abdi</u>          | <u>Captain Phillips</u>           | <u>Abduwali Muse</u>        | Nominated | Second black actor born in Africa (specifically in Somalia) to receive an Academy Award nomination.<br>Second black actor to receive an Academy Award nomination for a debut performance.                                                                          |
| 2016                            | <u>Mahershala Ali</u>        | <u>Moonlight</u>                  | Juan                        | Won       | Second film to feature black nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.<br>First Muslim actor to win an Oscar<br>First time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Vola Davis, <u>Fences</u> ). |

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| 2018 |  | <u>Green Book</u> | <u>Don Shirley</u> | Won | <p>Second time two African-American performers won supporting role Oscars in the same year (Regina King, <i>If Beale Street Could Talk</i>). First African-American actor to win two Oscars in the same category.</p> <p>Second African-American actor to win multiple competitive Academy Awards.</p> |
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## **Best Actress in a Supporting Role**

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| Best Actress in a Supporting Role |                               |                                            |                                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Year                              | Name                          | Film                                       | Role                                | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1939                              | <u>Hattie McDaniel</u>        | <u>Gone with the Wind</u>                  | Mammy                               | Won       | First African American to win and be nominated for an Academy Award.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1949                              | <u>Ethel Waters</u>           | <u>Pinky</u>                               | Mrs. Dicey Johnson (Pinky's Granny) | Nominated | Second African American to be nominated for an Academy Award.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1959                              | <u>Juanita Moore</u>          | <u>Imitation of Life</u>                   | Annie Johnson                       | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1967                              | <u>Beah Richards</u>          | <u>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</u>        | Mrs. Prentice                       | Nominated | If Carol Channing's claim of African-American heritage is accurate (it was not known at the time and has not been independently confirmed), this would be the first time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations |
| 1983                              | <u>Alfre Woodard</u>          | <u>Cross Creek</u>                         | Geechee                             | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1985                              | <u>Margaret Avery</u>         | <u>The Color Purple</u>                    | Shug Avery                          | Nominated | First (or second, see Beah Richards above) time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations.<br>First time multiple African-American actresses received nominations for the same film.                               |
|                                   | <u>Oprah Winfrey</u>          |                                            | Sofia                               | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1990                              | <u>Whoopi Goldberg</u>        | <u>Ghost</u>                               | Oda Mae Brown                       | Won       | First African-American actress to receive two acting nominations overall.<br>Second African-American actress to win Best Supporting Actress.                                                                                                              |
| 1996                              | <u>Marianne Jean-Baptiste</u> | <u>Secrets &amp; Lies</u>                  | Hortense Cumberbatch                | Nominated | First black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2002                              | <u>Queen Latifah</u>          | <u>Chicago</u>                             | Matron Mama Morton                  | Nominated | First female hip hop artist to be nominated for an Academy Award.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2004                              | <u>Sophie Okonedo</u>         | <u>Hotel Rwanda</u>                        | Tatiana Rusesabagina                | Nominated | Second black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2006                              | <u>Jennifer Hudson</u>        | <u>Dreamgirls</u>                          | Effie White                         | Won       | Youngest African-American actor (male or female) to win an Academy Award (age 25).<br>First film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.                                                         |
| 2007                              | <u>Ruby Dee</u>               | <u>American Gangster</u>                   | Mama Lucas                          | Nominated | Oldest African-American actress to be nominated for an Academy Award (age 83).                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2008                              | <u>Viola Davis</u>            | <u>Doubt</u>                               | Mrs. Miller                         | Nominated | Second (or third, see Beah Richards above) time multiple African-American actresses received Best Supporting Actress nominations.                                                                                                                         |
|                                   | <u>Taraji P. Henson</u>       | <u>The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</u> | Queenie                             | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2009                              | <u>Mo'Nique</u>               | <u>Precious</u>                            | Mary Lee Johnston                   | Won       | Second film to feature African-American nominees for both Best                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                           |                        |                                   |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Actress and Best Supporting Actress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2011                      | <u>Octavia Spencer</u> | <u>The Help</u>                   | Minny Jackson          | Won                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Third film to feature African-American nominees for both Best Actress and Supporting Actress.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2013                      | <u>Lupita Nyong'o</u>  | <u>12 Years a Slave</u>           | Patsey                 | Won                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | First black African (Kenyan) actress to be nominated.<br>First black African to win in any category.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2016                      | Viola Davis            | <u>Fences</u>                     | Rose Maxson            | Won                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tied with Octavia Spencer as the most nominated black actress ever with three nominations.<br>First time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Mahershala Ali, <u>Moonlight</u> ).                                                                                                                                 |
|                           | <u>Naomie Harris</u>   | <u>Moonlight</u>                  | Paula                  | Nominated                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Third black British actress to receive an Academy Award nomination<br>Second film to feature black nominees for both Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                           | Octavia Spencer        | <u>Hidden Figures</u>             | <u>Dorothy Vaughan</u> | Nominated                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Third black actress following <u>Whoopi Goldberg</u> and <u>Viola Davis</u> to earn multiple Oscar nominations. First black actress to be nominated after previously winning.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>The Shape of Water</u> |                        | Zelda Fuller                      | Nominated              | First black actress to be nominated twice after previously winning. First black actress to be nominated two years in a row. Tied with <u>Viola Davis</u> as the most nominated black actress ever with three nominations. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2017                      | <u>Mary J. Blige</u>   | <u>Mudbound</u>                   | Florence Jackson       | Nominated                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | First black woman to receive multiple Oscar nominations in the same year.<br>First person nominated for an Academy Award for acting and writing an original song in the same year. Her nomination made <u>Dee Rees</u> the first African-American woman to direct a film for which an actor or actress was nominated for an Academy Award. <sup>[1][2]</sup> |
| 2018                      | <u>Regina King</u>     | <u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u> | Sharon Rivers          | Won                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Second time two African-American performers won in supporting role Oscars in the same year (Mahershala Ali, <u>Green Book</u> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Best Animated Feature

| Academy Award for Best Animated Feature |                     |                                          |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Year                                    | Name                | Film                                     | Status | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>2018</u>                             | <u>Peter Ramsey</u> | <u>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</u> | Won    | Shared with Phil Lord, Christopher Miller, <u>Bob Persichetti</u> & <u>Rodney Rothman</u><br>First African American to be nominated for Animated Feature.<br>First African American to win for Animated Feature. |

## Best Cinematography

| Academy Award for Best Cinematography |                        |                  |           |                                                            |
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| Year                                  | Name                   | Film             | Status    | Milestone                                                  |
| <u>1998</u>                           | <u>Remi Adefarasin</u> | <u>Elizabeth</u> | Nominated | First black person to be nominated for Best Cinematography |
| <u>2016</u>                           | <u>Bradford Young</u>  | <u>Arrival</u>   | Nominated | First African American to be nominated in the category.    |

## Best Costume Design

| Academy Award for Best Costume Design |                       |                      |           |                                                                 |
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| Year                                  | Name                  | Film                 | Status    | Milestone                                                       |
| <u>1992</u>                           | <u>Ruth E. Carter</u> | <u>Malcolm X</u>     | Nominated | First African American to be nominated for Best Costume Design. |
| <u>1997</u>                           |                       | <u>Amistad</u>       | Nominated |                                                                 |
| <u>2004</u>                           | <u>Sharen Davis</u>   | <u>Ray</u>           | Nominated |                                                                 |
| <u>2006</u>                           |                       | <u>Dreamgirls</u>    | Nominated |                                                                 |
| <u>2018</u>                           | <u>Ruth E. Carter</u> | <u>Black Panther</u> | Won       | First African American to win for Best Costume Design.          |

## Best Director

| Academy Award for Best Director |                       |                         |           |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Year                            | Name                  | Film                    | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>1991</u>                     | <u>John Singleton</u> | <u>Boyz n the Hood</u>  | Nominated | First African American to be nominated for Best Director.<br>Youngest person ever nominated in this category (age 24).                                                            |
| <u>2009</u>                     | <u>Lee Daniels</u>    | <u>Precious</u>         | Nominated | Second African American to earn a Best Director nomination.<br>First African-American director to earn a Best Picture nomination.                                                 |
| <u>2013</u>                     | <u>Steve McQueen</u>  | <u>12 Years a Slave</u> | Nominated | First black British to earn a Best Director nomination.<br>First black director to direct a Best Picture winning film.<br>First black director to earn an Oscar for Best Picture. |
| <u>2016</u>                     | <u>Barry Jenkins</u>  | <u>Moonlight</u>        | Nominated | Second black director to direct a Best Picture winning film.                                                                                                                      |
| <u>2017</u>                     | <u>Jordan Peele</u>   | <u>Get Out</u>          | Nominated | First African American to earn a Best Director nomination and a Best Picture nomination for a debut film.                                                                         |
| <u>2018</u>                     | <u>Spike Lee</u>      | <u>BlacKkKlansman</u>   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Best Documentary Feature

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| Academy Award for Documentary Feature |                                                                             |                                               |           |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Year                                  | Name                                                                        | Film                                          | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>1987</u>                           | <u>Callie Crossley</u><br>(director/producer)                               | <u>Bridge to Freedom</u>                      | Nominated | First African-American director and producer to be nominated for Best Documentary Feature<br>Nominated with James A. DeViney                                                      |
| <u>1990</u>                           | Yvonne Smith (producer)                                                     | <u>Adam Clayton Powell</u>                    | Nominated | Nominated with Richard Kilberg                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>1997</u>                           | <u>Spike Lee</u> (director/producer)<br><u>Samuel D. Pollard</u> (producer) | <u>4 Little Girls</u>                         | Nominated | Second African-American director to be nominated for Best Documentary Feature.                                                                                                    |
| <u>2004</u>                           | <u>Karolyn Ali</u> (producer)                                               | <u>Tupac: Resurrection</u>                    | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>2012</u>                           | <u>T. J. Martin</u> (director)                                              | <u>Undefeated</u>                             | Won       | First African American to win in this category.<br>First African-American director to win in this category                                                                        |
| <u>2016</u>                           | <u>Ava DuVernay</u><br>(director/producer)                                  | <u>13th</u>                                   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                       | <u>Roger Ross Williams</u><br>(director/producer)                           | <u>Life, Animated</u>                         | Nominated | Nominated with <u>Julie Golden</u>                                                                                                                                                |
|                                       | <u>Raoul Peck</u> (director)<br><u>Hébert Peck</u> (producer)               | <u>I Am Not Your Negro</u>                    | Nominated | First Haitian to be nominated in this category.                                                                                                                                   |
|                                       | <u>Ezra Edelman</u><br>(director/producer)                                  | <u>O.J.: Made in America</u>                  | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>2017</u>                           | <u>Yance Ford</u> (director)                                                | <u>Strong Island</u>                          | Nominated | First openly transgender man to be nominated for any Academy Award.<br>First openly transgender director to be nominated for any Academy Award.<br>(Nominated with Joslyn Barnes) |
| <u>2018</u>                           | RaMell Ross (director)                                                      | <u>Hale County This Morning, This Evening</u> | Nominated | Nominated with Joslyn Barnes and Su Kim                                                                                                                                           |

## Best Documentary Short Subject

| Academy Award for Documentary Short Subject |                            |                                           |           |                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                        | Name                       | Film                                      | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                           |
| <u>2000</u>                                 | Leelai Demoz               | <u>On Tiptoe: Gentle Steps to Freedom</u> | Nominated | Shared nomination with Eric Simonson.<br>First African American to be nominated for Best Documentary Short Subject. |
| <u>2009</u>                                 | <u>Roger Ross Williams</u> | <u>Music by Prudence</u>                  | Won       | Shared nomination with Elinor Burkett.<br>First African American to win Best Documentary Short Subject.             |

## Best Film Editing

| Academy Award for Film Editing |                          |                        |           |                                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                           | Name                     | Film                   | Status    | Milestone                                                      |
| <u>1969</u>                    | <u>Hugh A. Robertson</u> | <u>Midnight Cowboy</u> | Nominated | First African American to be nominated for Best Editing.       |
| <u>2016</u>                    | <u>Joi McMillon</u>      | <u>Moonlight</u>       | Nominated | First African-American woman to be nominated for Best Editing. |

## Best Music, Original Score

| Academy Award for Original Music Score |                                                                       |                                                                                     |                                   |           |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                   | Name                                                                  | Country                                                                             | Film                              | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1961                                   | <u>Duke Ellington</u>                                                 |  | <u>Paris Blues</u>                | Nominated | First African American to be nominated for Best Original Score. Nominated for Best Music, Scoring of a Musical Picture.                                          |
| 1964                                   | <u>Calvin Jackson</u>                                                 |                                                                                     | <u>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</u> | Nominated | Nomination shared with <u>Robert Armbruster</u> , <u>Leo Arnaud</u> , <u>Jack Elliott</u> , <u>Jack Hayes</u> & <u>Leo Shuken</u> .                              |
| 1967                                   | <u>Quincy Jones</u>                                                   |                                                                                     | <u>In Cold Blood</u>              | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1971                                   | <u>Isaac Hayes</u>                                                    |                                                                                     | <u>Shaft</u>                      | Nominated | Nominated for Best Music, Original Dramatic Score.                                                                                                               |
| 1972                                   | <u>Gil Askey</u>                                                      |                                                                                     | <u>Lady Sings the Blues</u>       | Nominated | First African American to be nominated in the Scoring Original Song Score and/or Adaptation (which is different from Best Original Score category).              |
| 1978                                   | <u>Quincy Jones</u>                                                   |                                                                                     | <u>The Wiz</u>                    | Nominated | First African American to be nominated in the Original Song Score and Its Adaptation or Adaptation Score (which is different from Best Original Score category). |
| 1984                                   | <u>Prince</u>                                                         |                                                                                     | <u>Purple Rain</u>                | Won       | First African-American winner of Best Original Song Score (which is different from Best Original Score category); this category was retired afterwards.          |
| 1985                                   | <u>Quincy Jones</u><br><u>Andrae Crouch</u><br><u>Caiphus Semenya</u> |  | <u>The Color Purple</u>           | Nominated | Shared nomination with 9 other composers. Semenya became the first black South African to be nominated for an Academy Award.                                     |
| 1986                                   | <u>Herbie Hancock</u>                                                 |  | <u>Round Midnight</u>             | Won       | First African-American winner of Best Original Score.                                                                                                            |
| 1987                                   | <u>Jonas Gwangwa</u>                                                  |  | <u>Cry Freedom</u>                | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>George Fenton</u>                                                                                                                      |
| <u>2018</u>                            | <u>Terence Blanchard</u>                                              |  | <u>BlackKkKlansman</u>            | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                  |

## Best Music, Original Song

| Academy Award for Best Original Song |                                                                |                                                                                     |                          |                                           |           |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                 | Name                                                           | Country                                                                             | Film                     | Song                                      | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1967                                 | <u>Quincy Jones</u><br><u>Bob Russell</u>                      |    | <u>Banning</u>           | "The Eyes of Love"                        | Nominated | First African Americans to be nominated for Best Original Song.                                                                                                         |
| 1968                                 |                                                                |                                                                                     | <u>For Love of Ivy</u>   | "For Love of Ivy"                         | Nominated | First African Americans to be nominated twice for Best Original Song.                                                                                                   |
| 1971                                 | <u>Isaac Hayes</u>                                             |                                                                                     | <u>Shaft</u>             | " <u>Theme from Shaft</u> "               | Won       | First African-American winner for Best Original Song.<br>First African-American winner of an award in any category other than acting.                                   |
| 1981                                 | <u>Lionel Richie</u>                                           |                                                                                     | <u>Endless Love</u>      | " <u>Endless Love</u> "                   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1983                                 | <u>Irene Cara</u>                                              |                                                                                     | <u>Flashdance</u>        | "Flashdance...<br><u>What a Feeling</u> " | Won       | First African-American woman to win a non-acting Academy Award. Shared with <u>Keith Forsey</u> & <u>Giorgio Moroder</u> .                                              |
| 1984                                 | <u>Stevie Wonder</u>                                           |                                                                                     | <u>The Woman in Red</u>  | "I Just Called to Say I Love You"         | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1984                                 | <u>Ray Parker Jr.</u>                                          |                                                                                     | <u>Ghostbusters</u>      | " <u>Ghostbusters</u> "                   | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1985                                 | Lionel Richie                                                  |                                                                                     | <u>White Nights</u>      | " <u>Say You, Say Me</u> "                | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                      | <u>Quincy Jones</u><br>Lionel Richie                           |                                                                                     | <u>The Color Purple</u>  | " <u>Miss Celie's Blues</u> "             | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Rod Temperton</u><br>Richie is the first (and to date, only) black person to receive multiple Best Original Song nominations in the same year |
| 1987                                 | <u>Jonas Gwangwa</u>                                           |  | <u>Cry Freedom</u>       | "Cry Freedom"                             | Nominated | First black South African to be nominated in this category. Shared nomination with <u>George Fenton</u> .                                                               |
| 1988                                 | <u>Lamont Dozier</u>                                           |  | <u>Buster</u>            | " <u>Two Hearts</u> "                     | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Phil Collins</u> .                                                                                                                            |
| 1993                                 | <u>Janet Jackson</u><br><u>Jimmy Jam</u><br><u>Terry Lewis</u> |                                                                                     | <u>Poetic Justice</u>    | " <u>Again</u> "                          | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1994                                 | <u>James Ingram</u>                                            |                                                                                     | <u>Beethoven's 2nd</u>   | "The Day I Fall In Love"                  | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Cliff Magness</u> & <u>Carole Bayer Sager</u> .                                                                                               |
| 1995                                 |                                                                |                                                                                     | <u>Junior</u>            | "Look What Love Has Done"                 | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>James Newton Howard</u><br><u>Carole Bayer Sager</u> & <u>Patty Smyth</u> .                                                                   |
| 2005                                 | <u>Frayser Boy</u><br><u>Juicy J</u><br><u>DJ Paul</u>         |                                                                                     | <u>Hustle &amp; Flow</u> | " <u>It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp</u> "  | Won       | First African-American rappers to win an Academy Award.                                                                                                                 |
| 2006                                 | <u>Siedah</u>                                                  |                                                                                     | <u>Dreamgirls</u>        | " <u>Love You I Do</u> "                  | Nominated | Shared nomination with                                                                                                                                                  |

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|      | <u>Garrett</u>                                                                   |                                                                                     |                             |                                 |           | <u>Henry Krieger</u>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2007 | <u>Jamal Joseph</u><br><u>Charles Mack</u><br><u>Tevin Thomas</u>                |                                                                                     | <u>August Rush</u>          | <u>"Raise It Up"</u>            | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2011 | <u>Carlinhos Brown</u><br><u>Siedah Garrett</u>                                  |    | <u>Rio</u>                  | <u>"Real in Rio"</u>            | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Sergio Mendes</u> .<br>Garrett is the most nominated African-American female songwriter (two nominations).<br>Brown is the first black Latin American nominated for Best Original Song. |
| 2013 | <u>Pharrell Williams</u>                                                         |    | <u>Despicable Me 2</u>      | <u>"Happy"</u>                  | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2014 | <u>Common</u><br><u>John Legend</u>                                              |                                                                                     | <u>Selma</u>                | <u>"Glory"</u>                  | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2015 | <u>DaHeala</u><br><u>The Weeknd</u>                                              |    | <u>Fifty Shades of Grey</u> | <u>"Earned It"</u>              | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Belly</u> & <u>Stephan Moccio</u> .<br>The Weeknd & DaHeala are the first black Canadians nominated for Best Original Song.                                                             |
| 2017 | <u>Mary J. Blige</u><br><u>Raphael Saadiq</u><br><u>Taura Stinson</u>            |  | <u>Mudbound</u>             | <u>"Mighty River"</u>           | Nominated | Blige is also the first black woman to receive multiple Academy Award nominations in the same year. First person nominated for an Academy Award for acting and writing an original song in the same year          |
|      | <u>Common</u>                                                                    |                                                                                     | <u>Marshall</u>             | <u>"Stand Up for Something"</u> | Nominated | Shared nomination with <u>Diane Warren</u>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2018 | <u>Kendrick Lamar</u><br><u>Sounwave</u><br><u>SZA</u><br><u>Anthony Tiffith</u> |                                                                                     | <u>Black Panther</u>        | <u>"All the Stars"</u>          | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Best Picture

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| Academy Award for Best Picture |                          |                              |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                           | Name                     | Film                         | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>1985</u>                    | <u>Quincy Jones</u>      | <u>The Color Purple</u>      | Nominated | First African-American producer whose film was nominated for Best Picture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>2009</u>                    | <u>Lee Daniels</u>       | <u>Precious</u>              | Nominated | First African-American director whose film was nominated for Best Picture.<br>First time two films with African-American producers were nominated for Best Picture.                                                                                                                            |
|                                | <u>Broderick Johnson</u> | <u>The Blind Side</u>        | Nominated | First time two films with African-American producers were nominated for Best Picture.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <u>2012</u>                    | <u>Reginald Hudlin</u>   | <u>Django Unchained</u>      | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>2013</u>                    | <u>Steve McQueen</u>     | <u>12 Years a Slave</u>      | Won       | First black producer to win Best Picture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>2014</u>                    | <u>Oprah Winfrey</u>     | <u>Selma</u>                 | Nominated | First black female producer nominated for Best Picture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>2016</u>                    | <u>Denzel Washington</u> | <u>Fences</u>                | Nominated | First time that three films with black producers were nominated for Best Picture.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                | <u>Pharrell Williams</u> | <u>Hidden Figures</u>        | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                | <u>Kimberly Steward</u>  | <u>Manchester by the Sea</u> | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>2017</u>                    | <u>Jordan Peele</u>      | <u>Get Out</u>               | Nominated | First time an African American was honored with a Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay (Original or Adapted) nominations in one year <sup>[3]</sup>                                                                                                                                 |
| <u>2018</u>                    | <u>Spike Lee</u>         | <u>BlackKkKlansman</u>       | Nominated | The first Best Picture nominee to have more than one African American producer<br>Peele is the first African-American producer to be nominated for Best Picture twice.<br>Shared nomination with <u>Jason Blum</u> , <u>Raymond Mansfield</u> , <u>Sean McKittrick</u> & <u>Shaun Redick</u> . |
|                                | <u>Jordan Peele</u>      |                              | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Best Production Design

| Academy Award for Best Production Design |                        |                      |        |                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                     | Name                   | Film                 | Status | Milestone                                                                                                                       |
| <u>2018</u>                              | <u>Hannah Beachler</u> | <u>Black Panther</u> | Won    | First African American to be nominated for Best Production Design.<br>First African American to win for Best Production Design. |

## Best Short Film (Animated)

| Academy Award for Best Animated ShortFilm |                    |                        |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                      | Name               | Film                   | Status | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>2017</u>                               | <u>Kobe Bryant</u> | <u>Dear Basketball</u> | Won    | Shared nomination with <u>Glen Keane</u> .<br>First African American to win Short Film (Animated).<br>First former professional athlete to be nominated for and to win an Academy Award in any category. |

## Best Short Film (Live Action)

| Academy Award for Live Action Short Film |                         |                              |           |                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                     | Name                    | Film                         | Status    | Milestone                                                            |
| <u>1991</u>                              | <u>David Massey</u>     | <i>Last Breeze of Summer</i> | Nominated | First African American nominated for Short Film (Live Action).       |
| <u>1995</u>                              | <u>Dianne Houston</u>   | <i>Tuesday Morning Ride</i>  | Nominated | First African-American woman nominated for Short Film (Live Action). |
| <u>2017</u>                              | <u>Kevin Wilson Jr.</u> | <i>My Nephew Emmett</i>      | Nominated |                                                                      |

## Best Sound Mixing

| Academy Award for Sound |                         |                                 |           |                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                    | Name                    | Film                            | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                          |
| <u>1978</u>             | <u>Willie D. Burton</u> | <i>The Buddy Holly Story</i>    | Nominated | First African American to be nominated for Best Sound.                                                                                             |
| <u>1980</u>             |                         | <i>Altered States</i>           | Nominated | First African American to be nominated multiple times for Best Sound.                                                                              |
| <u>1983</u>             |                         | <i>WarGames</i>                 | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>1988</u>             |                         | <i>Bird</i>                     | Won       | First African American to win Best Sound.                                                                                                          |
| <u>1989</u>             | <u>Russell Williams</u> | <i>Glory</i>                    | Won       | Second African American to win Best Sound.                                                                                                         |
| <u>1990</u>             |                         | <i>Dances with Wolves</i>       | Won       | First African American to win multiple Academy Awards in any category<br>First and only African American to win consecutive awards in any category |
| <u>1994</u>             | <u>Willie D. Burton</u> | <i>The Shawshank Redemption</i> | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>1999</u>             |                         | <i>The Green Mile</i>           | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>2006</u>             |                         | <i>Dreamgirls</i>               | Won       | First African American to be nominated, and to win, after category was renamed "Sound Mixing".                                                     |

## Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay)

| Academy Award for Writing Adapted Screenplay |                              |                                   |                                                         |           |                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                         | Name                         | Film                              | Adapted From                                            | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>1972</u>                                  | <u>Lonne Elder</u>           | <u>Souder</u>                     | <u>Souder</u><br>by William H. Armstrong                | Nominated | First African-American nominee for Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay).                                                                                          |
| <u>1984</u>                                  | <u>Charles Fuller</u>        | <u>A Soldier's Story</u>          | <u>A Soldier's Play</u><br>by Fuller                    | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>2009</u>                                  | <u>Geoffrey Fletcher</u>     | <u>Precious</u>                   | <u>Push</u><br>by <u>Sapphire</u>                       | Won       | First African American to win a screenplay Academy Award (Adapted Screenplay).                                                                                 |
| <u>2013</u>                                  | <u>John Ridley</u>           | <u>12 Years a Slave</u>           | <u>Twelve Years a Slave</u><br>by Solomon Northup       | Won       | Second African American to win a screenplay Academy Award (Adapted Screenplay).<br>First African-American writer to have written a film that won Best Picture. |
| <u>2016</u>                                  | <u>Barry Jenkins</u>         | <u>Moonlight</u>                  | <u>In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue</u><br>by McCraney | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | <u>Tarell Alvin McCraney</u> |                                   |                                                         | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | <u>August Wilson</u>         | <u>Fences</u>                     | <u>Fences</u><br>by <u>August Wilson</u>                | Nominated | First African-American writer to receive a posthumous nomination in this category                                                                              |
| <u>2017</u>                                  | <u>Virgil Williams</u>       | <u>Mudbound</u>                   | <u>Mudbound</u><br>by Hillary Jordan                    | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | <u>Dee Rees</u>              |                                   |                                                         | Nominated | Rees is the first black woman to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay. <sup>[4]</sup>                                                |
| <u>2018</u>                                  | <u>Kevin Willmott</u>        | <u>BlackKkKlansman</u>            | <u>Black Klansman</u><br>by Ron Stallworth              | Won       | Shared with Charlie Wachtel & David Rabinowitz                                                                                                                 |
|                                              | <u>Spike Lee</u>             |                                   |                                                         | Won       |                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                              | <u>Barry Jenkins</u>         | <u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u> | <u>If Beale Street Could Talk</u><br>by James Baldwin   | Nominated | African-American director and writer with most nominations in this category                                                                                    |

## Best Writing (Original Screenplay)

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| Academy Award for Writing Original Screenplay |                         |                                    |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year                                          | Name                    | Film                               | Status    | Milestone                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <u>1972</u>                                   | <u>Suzanne de Passe</u> | <i><u>Lady Sings the Blues</u></i> | Nominated | Shared nomination with co-writers Chris Clark and Terence McCloy<br>First African-American nominee for Best Writing (Original Screenplay).<br>First African-American woman nominated for screenwriting. |
| <u>1989</u>                                   | <u>Spike Lee</u>        | <i><u>Do the Right Thing</u></i>   | Nominated | First African-American to be nominated for Best Writing (Original Screenplay).                                                                                                                          |
| <u>1991</u>                                   | <u>John Singleton</u>   | <i><u>Boyz n the Hood</u></i>      | Nominated |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>2017</u>                                   | <u>Jordan Peele</u>     | <i><u>Get Out</u></i>              | Won       | First African American to win for Best Writing (Original Screenplay) and the nomination overall, for a debut film.                                                                                      |

## Special awards

| Special Awards |                         |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year           | Name                    | Award                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>1948</u>    | <u>James Baskett</u>    | Academy Special Award, for his characterization of <u>Uncle Remus</u> in <i><u>Song of the South</u></i>                                                                     |
| <u>1995</u>    | <u>Quincy Jones</u>     | <u>Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award</u>                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>2001</u>    | <u>Sidney Poitier</u>   | <u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "for his extraordinary performances and unique presence on the screen and for representing the industry with dignitystyle and intelligence". |
| <u>2011</u>    | <u>James Earl Jones</u> | <u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "for his legacy of consistent excellence and uncommon versatility"                                                                           |
|                | <u>Oprah Winfrey</u>    | <u>Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award</u>                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>2014</u>    | <u>Harry Belafonte</u>  |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <u>2015</u>    | <u>Spike Lee</u>        | <u>Academy Honorary Award</u> , "filmmaker, educator, motivator, iconoclast, artist....[and] a champion of independent film and an inspiration to young filmmakers"          |
| <u>2017</u>    | <u>Charles Burnett</u>  | <u>Academy Honorary Award</u>                                                                                                                                                |
| <u>2018</u>    | <u>Cicely Tyson</u>     |                                                                                                                                                                              |

## See also

- Cheryl Boone Isaacs first African-American president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (but not herself an Oscar winner or nominee)
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- List of African-American Tony nominees and winners
- List of Asian Academy Award winners and nominees
- List of black Golden Globe Award winners and nominees
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